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Public Hearing Scheduled for the State's Proposed Child Care and Development Fund Plan for **Fiscal Year 2004-2005**

The Tennessee Department of Human Services will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, June 25, 2003, to receive comments on the state's proposed Child Care and Development Fund plan to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families for funding the Fiscal Year 2004-2005. The public hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m. (CST), and will be held at the Tennessee Department of Human Services, Citizens Plaza Building, 400 Deaderick Street, Nashville, TN in the 15th Floor Auditorium.

The Child Care and Development Fund provides funding to state programs that offer assistance to lowincome parents/caregivers through subsidized child care, activities and services to improve the quality and availability of child care, and the regulation of child care agencies throughout the state. Services are provided either directly by the state or through contracts with local governments and non-profit agencies.

Information concerning the hearing and requests for copies of the proposed plan should be addressed to:

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Comments on the proposal will be accepted until the conclusion of the public hearing by either letter or email.

Any individual with a disability who wishes to participate in this public hearing should contact the Tennessee Department of Human Services to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation. Such contact may be in person, by writing, or telephoning DHS at least 10 days prior to the date of the public hearing to allow time for DHS staff to provide assistance.

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